



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Board Study Session of October 24, 2017 held at 3:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

Barbara Mendoza, Clerk; Members Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr., and Santiny Orozco

Not present: Greg Lucero, President and Member Manuel Ruiz

a. Call to Order

Mrs. Mendoza, acting President, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Orozco led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra requested approval as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Orozco and seconded by Dr. Varona for approval.
Motion carried unanimously.

II. Study Session

a. Spring 2017 Individual School Review AzMERIT Data Presentations- Assessment Results-Percentage Scores/Academic Progress-Goals and Expectations

Superintendent Parra gave a brief background.

He mentioned he had been meeting with schools, teachers and principals to review, discuss the data and letter grades.

He further mentioned that the ownership and leadership by the teachers and principals had been exceptional.

1. Fco. Vásquez de Coronado Elementary – Sandra L. Jimenez

Superintendent Parra introduced Sandra Licet Jimenez, Principal of Coronado Elementary.

Ms. Jimenez gave a Power Point presentation on the Letter Grade, Goals and Action Plan.

She thanked her staff for their support.

Mrs. Mendoza, on behalf of the Board, thanked her for her for the presentation and their hard work.

2. Mary L. Welty Elementary – Aissa Bonillas

Superintendent Parra introduced Ms. Aissa Bonilla, Principal at Mary L. Welty Elementary.

Ms. Bonilla mentioned the school had a Letter "C" grade and gave a Power Point presentation on the school Letter Grade, Goals and Action Plan.

On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Mendoza thanked her for her presentation.

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview of all the school sites coming together as a team to work on what needs improvement in each one.

3. Lincoln School – Dr. Lucina Romero

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview of the hard work Lincoln School has done to reach their grade "A" level and introduced Dr. Lucina Romero, Principal, to proceed with her report.

Dr. Romero gave a Power Point presentation on the school's Letter Grade, Goals and Action Plan.

Mrs. Mendoza congratulated Dr. Romero for their outstanding work and having achieved the Letter Grade "A".

Superintendent Parra made a few comments about the challenges all school have and their hard work to attain their goals.
He also mentioned the Board's Goals and the schools' consistency to be able to achieve all goals.

4. Superintendent/Governing Board Questions and Comments

Mr. Orozco made comments about the improvements of Coronado Elementary, its strong points, and need of improvement.

He further mentioned that he liked how all the schools' staff and principals are getting along and working together.

He said that he was happy to hear Lincoln is still an "A" school. He liked the importance they pay to the parents so they are on the same page as their children. He asked what could be done better on the ELL to improve 3rd graders.

Mrs. Canto clarified his concern, and explained the different types of tests and performance required by the State.

He mentioned he liked the collaboration of the schools helping Mary Welty School and all schools working together.

He concluded by thanking everyone for their presentation.

Dr. Varona thanked the schools for their Power Points and for making changes in their presentation for better understanding from the Board.
He made a point on the letter grades and the State's reports.
He liked the emphasis they all put to better themselves and the schools by working together.
He stated his concerns on the percentage goal established by the schools.
He mentioned he liked the teamwork between all the schools.
He made comments about the parental involvement in math and how crucial it was for them to be involved in all their children's education.

He mentioned about the approach of the academic leadership at Welty and Mrs. Bonillas' statement of "we got a low grade, but it's not going to happen again".
He mentioned he was grateful for her mentioning "coding" and stated that it was very important for the students to know about coding.
He concluded by stating that the academic leaders' condensed presentations come down to "We believe they can learn".

Mrs. Mendoza thanked all for their presentations; she was please to learn their strategies.
She stated her feeling about the ten percent improvement suggested by Dr. Varona, stating the Board had set its goal at five percent goals attainment and gave her opinion that she felt teachers should be free to teach, be creative and without their focus being on one test.

Superintendent Parra made the acknowledgment that there were three (3) more schools presenting at the next Board meeting.
He further clarified that setting a five percent goal was not lowering the standards, and adjustments needing to be done for a reason.
He concluded by stating that his evaluation was coming up and that he was responsible for directing the schools to set the five percent goal as that was what was stated in the Board goals.

Mr. Orozco made a comment about the difference between work ethic and the State's standard bar.

Dr. Varona made some final comments.

III. Adjournment of the Governing Board Study Session

A motion was made by Dr. Varona and seconded by Mr. Orozco for adjournment of the public meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Session was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Not Present President
Greg Lucero

Barbara Mendoza Clerk
Barbara Mendoza

Manny Ruiz Member
Manny Ruiz

Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr. Member
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Santiny Orozco Member
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Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
November 13, 2017

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